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Applicants request reconsideration of the non-entry of the proposed amendments presented in the paper filed March 2, 2009 and entry of same. Please consider the following remarks made in support of this request.